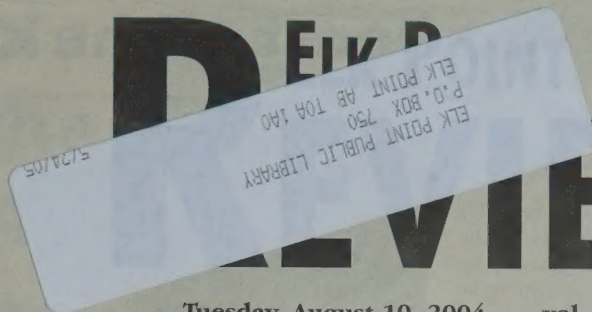




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## Remembering Fern Chapel school days



**Former Fern Chapel School students came from far and near to celebrate the restoration of the one-room school where they learned their 'three Rs'. The school was built in 1913 and served the community until 1949, when Ferguson Flats School was built nearby.**

## See Elk Point's best at the Fair

The best garden and orchard produce, the most beautiful flowers, the most perfect home canning and the pride of Elk Point area ovens will share bench space with top-notch photography, delicate knitwear and crochet and exquisite artwork this weekend at the Elk Point Fair.

The community's most talented crafters and dedicated gardeners will be loading up their finest work on Saturday morning, when entries are accepted at the A. G. Ross Arena between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Judging will take place later that afternoon, as the finishing touches are put on the massive quilt show at the other end of the arena.

Public viewing of the bench fair and quilt show is scheduled for Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m., with prizes awarded at 4 p.m.

See you at the Fair!

# Fern Chapel School a tribute to pioneers

By VICKI BROOKER  
Review Staff

The clang of a timeworn brass school bell called a large crowd to the re-dedication ceremonies for the newly restored Fern Chapel School, in the Ferguson Flats area northeast of Elk Point.

Olga Ockerman, who has been one of the restoration's most tireless workers, welcomed former students and guests who gathered outside Fern Chapel's successor, now the Ferguson Flats community hall.

"I can't find the words to express the gratitude I feel at seeing Fern Chapel School become a historic site we all can be proud of, and which so many people pulled together to restore."

Following the routine in one-room school days, all stood to join in the singing of O Canada and to repeat the Lord's Prayer. They remained standing for a minute of silence honoring the "dearly departed" - area pioneers, teachers and students of Fern Chapel.

"When this project started, we didn't want the heart of the community to die," Ockerman said. "So we thought we would put it on life support, and put on a new roof. That's as far as we thought we would get. We didn't have a cent. In three years, we have accomplished what was only a dream."

"I hope this school will serve as a legacy for the future, and as a tribute to the pioneers who sacrificed to see their children had a school. It has stood for 90 years."

Ockerman added that this was "not only a school, it was the heart of the community" where residents attended dances and church services as well. "I don't think today's students will have such a sentimental feeling about their schools."

Fern Chapel was built in the days when a local school board hired and paid the teachers, took complaints from local residents about too much homework for the students and put out tenders for scrubbing the schoolhouse floor.

Today's school board trustee, Darrell Younghans, represents a much larger area, but both he and his wife have ties to Fern Chapel, where his grandmother, Wilma (Salmon) Kjenner went to school and his great-grandfather, John Salmon, was on the school board. His wife, Doreen, is an Ockerman descendant whose grandmother attended the school.

Younghans welcomed the visitors on behalf of the trustees of St. Paul Regional School Division #1, and said it was "humbling that all these people came" to see the



**Olga Ockerman's leadership in the Fern Chapel restoration project was recognized with a plaque presented by Bruno Kummets on behalf of the community association.**

restored school. With school board and county elections coming up in October, Younghans joked that "I'd like to take credit [for the restoration] but I can't. It was spearheaded by Olga Ockerman, and I would like to thank all those who worked on it. Their efforts show that there is still a sense of community here."

"I really commend the Ferguson Flats Community Association and the volunteers," County of St. Paul Division 1 councillor Allen Young said. "Without them, this would never have happened. The oil companies and the industry really came through for us, too."

Ockerman noted that the restoration "took many dollars, but not as many as it did volunteer hours."

"I really appreciate MLA Ray Danyluk's assistance. I think it was with his cooperation that we got the CIP grant," she added.

"It's so, so important to have an identity of where we come from," Danyluk said. "So many have come back here on a very fitting weekend, and they have so much to be proud of." He said he had "special memories of the Ferguson Flats hall - I learned to play cards here, and learned to dance from Elsie Zapesocki." He said the restored school has "such a beautiful setting, and with no dust on the roads," for which he thanked Young.

"We helped so little with the restoration project," Danyluk concluded. "The volunteers did so much."

"What a wonderful afternoon!" exclaimed Alberta Historical Resources Foundation (AHRF) director Iola Vartja, who said that after adjudicating 94 applications for heritage preservation, Ferguson Flats Community Association had been one of those receiving approval in June 2001.

"To approve things on paper is one thing. To see the results is another," Vartja said. "One room schools are very rare. You have no idea what a treasure you have. There is

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# One-room school was the heart of the community

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no way to express how grateful we are."

Vartja brought a message from AHRF's board chair, calling Fern Chapel "the best local resource project we have ever seen. The AHRF funding went a long way."

When Ockerman contacted the AHRF, "I showed David Capelatto what it looked like. It was so forlorn, but he took many pictures. We filled out the applications and bragged about what we planned to do. A lot of people dug down deeply to match the \$5,000 grant."

Finding the money was only a start, she added. "When we started looking, we found that a new roof was like putting a patch on raggy overalls," as more decay was discovered.

The numerous volunteers

**"You can spearhead a project and get all the money, but without the workers, forget it."**

**-Olga Ockerman**

didn't let setbacks like rotting sills get them down, however. They hunted out sources of materials, "worked hundreds of hours and gave up their summers. I hope now they can go fishing," Ockerman said.

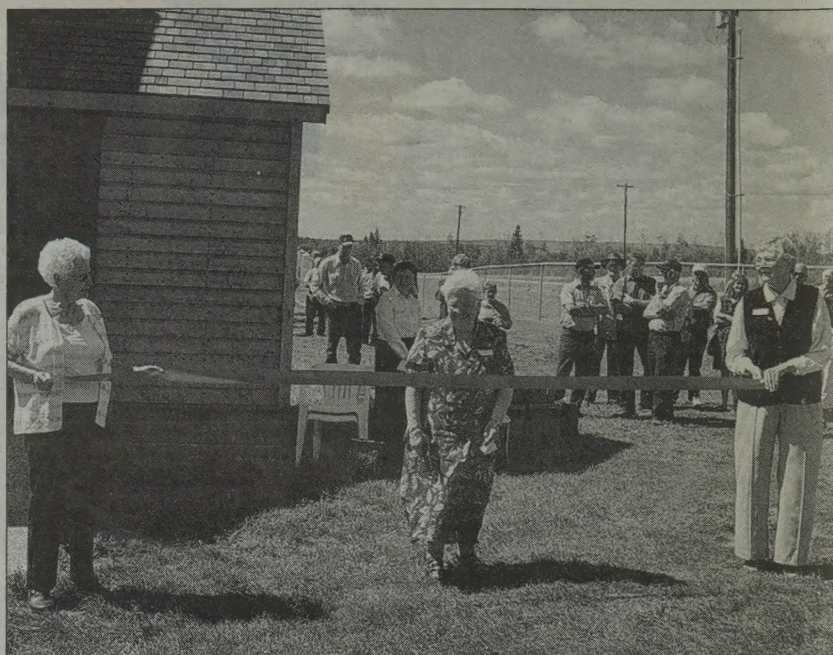
Four of the most dedicated volunteers, former students Ed Hillebrand, Neil Nelson and Bruno Kummertz, and wife and sister of former students Judy Ockerman, were called forward to receive plaques and collections of pictures taken during the restoration. Olga Ockerman added her personal thanks to the four and "all the others who helped in

every way. You can spearhead a project and get all the money, but without the workers, forget it."

She, too, received a plaque, presented by Kummertz with thanks for her valued leadership in the project.

The ceremonies wound up with a poem written by former student Irene Melin, who was unable to attend the gathering, but who summed up the value of the vintage hall of learning in her final lines, "We learned three Rs and a whole lot more In that little country school."

The entire assembly then trooped over to Fern Chapel, where former students Wilma (Salmon) Kjenner and Beulah (Nelson) Williams held the scarlet ribbon, which was cut by the school's final



Former students Wilma (Salmon) Kjenner (left) and Beulah (Nelson) Williams held the scarlet ribbon, which was cut by the school's final teacher, Gwen Nelson to officially open the restored one-room Fern Chapel School. More photos on Page 5.

teacher, Gwen Nelson.

The school's reputation as the heart of the community was celebrated with music. Gabe Bayduza listed a number of musicians who played for dances at the school many years ago, including her late father,

who taught her to play many of the old time songs. One of those musicians was Walter Saranchuk, who took up the banjo he had played at those dances to accompany Bayduza, on accordion, and Marge Heffernan on guitar in a medley of old

favorites, with the audience joining in the final chorus of "School Days, School Days."

Visitors were then invited to tour the school, with its tidy rows of desks topped with vintage readers and textbooks, shiny wood heater, lines of ABCs and arithmetic questions on the blackboard, and a treasure trove of memories for all who attended school back in

## Fern Chapel facts

- Fern Chapel was named after the school settler Dan Groves attended in Oklahoma.
- School board members over the years included T. E. Clydesdale, Albert Quayle, Reg Quayle, Mrs. Bob Taylor, John Ockerman, Joe Martin, John Salmon, Chris Nelson, Eddy Wise, Clifford Fuller, John Wardle, Fred Lorensen, Nelson Goetling, John Hillebrand and Carl Nelson.
- First teachers were Lewis Blacker (1912-13) and 17-year-old Vivienne Kennedy (1914)
- Last teacher was Gwen Nelson, who was also the final teacher at Ferguson Flats

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## Fern Chapel timeline

- May 10, 1912 - Fern Chapel School District No. 2733 formed
- 1913 - Fern Chapel School built by local parents
- November 1939 - Fern Chapel School Division became part of the St. Paul School Division
- 1949 - Fern Chapel school replaced by modern Ferguson Flats School built nearby
- 1957 - Ferguson Flats School closed, students bussed to Lindbergh
- 1965 - Lindbergh School closed, students bussed to Elk Point
- June 11, 2001 - Alberta Heritage Resources Foundation grant approved for restoration
- August 2002 - Exterior restoration completed
- August 1, 2004 - Rededication of restored school

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# High school revisited: the Class of '74 comes home

By VICKI BROOKER  
Review Staff

Three decades after they left F. G. Miller High School with graduation scrolls in hand, 20 members of the Class of 1974 and some of their fellow students took a nostalgic walk back in time as they cruised its corridors on Sunday, August 1.

The visitors admired the large common area where students now relax during breaks, admired the weight room which replaced a classroom behind the gym balcony, and recalled when the home ec room was left of the front doors, and the library was just off the north hallway. Teachers of long ago were fondly remembered, and a special stop was made along the wall lined with photos of graduating classes over the years.

The school tour came at the end of a weekend reunion which also included a golf tournament, barbecue and program on Saturday, and a pancake breakfast on

Sunday morning.

"There were 32 of us in our grad class," Mona McGinnis said. "We also invited kids we had gone to school with. We had 24

"There were 32 of us in our grad class. We also invited kids we had gone to school with. We had 24 replies and 20 people were able to attend."

— Mona McGinnis

replies and 20 people were able to attend." She noted that of the 32, 16 still live in the St. Paul, Elk Point and Lindbergh areas, but even some of these were unable to attend the reunion, due to holidays and family commitments.

The class had previous reunions in 1984 and 1994, and McGinnis noted that Christine (Yakimowich) Labrie has been active in preparations for all three.

Members of the Class of 1974 who were not present at the reunion included Terry Krider, Diane (Lazicki) Frankiw, Michael Sadowinski, Clara Ference, Brenda Yaremkevich, Paul



F. G. Miller's Class of 1974, along with some of their schoolmates and teachers, returned to their old stomping grounds for a look around. Front row, left to right: Roxanna (Pollom) Knihniski, Marilyn Labine, Debbie (Ruzyski) Race, Patty (Lecopoy) Banack, Christine (Yakimowich) Labrie, Alo Pankow; second row, left to right: Linda (Swedgan) Marcoux, Sharon (Seniuk) Jaremko, Danny Dembicki, Larry Zazulak, Ernie Kalynchuk; third row, left to right: Mona McGinnis, Debbie Ewasiuk, Joe Tomkow, Albert Boratyniec; back row, left to right: Alvin Johnsten, Blaine Easthope, Myrna (McFadyen) Fox, Myles Ockerman, Fred Zapisocki, Orest Boyko.

Wozniak, Jon Morris, Grant Rylance, Debbie (Radies) Lawrence, Lawrence Gladue, Bob and Grace (Blacklock) Kinjerski, Ned Melnyk, Owen Conlon, Brian Sribney, Marie McEwen, Esther Buksa, Judy Stetsko, Eliza Fryingpan, Darlene (Saiko) Sereda, Shauna Sheplaw and the late Alvin Pankiw.

**Classroom cruising**  
1974 classmates check out all the changes from the past in today's halls of F. G. Miller High.

VICKI BROOKER PHOTOS



## Beware of toxic blue-green algae in lakes

ASPEN REGIONAL HEALTH  
Review Contributor

Reports have been received advising that a number of Alberta lakes are experiencing a seasonal bloom of blue-green algae.

Weather and lake conditions combine to cause substantial increases in algae numbers, which tend to accumulate where calm water occurs, and where on-shore winds cause the algae to accumulate along shorelines. This development is characterized by a soupy green, bright blue or brown material floating on the surface of the water, which may have a foul

odor. Algae blooms are a natural occurrence in Alberta lakes, and cannot be predicted or prevented. Algae blooms occur at this time of year in certain lakes, and the condition will eventually subside.

When the algae organisms die and decomposes, they may produce a substance that is known to be toxic to wildlife, including migratory birds and fish, as well as domestic animals such as household pets and livestock.

The algae may also be harmful to humans if the toxin is ingested by swallowing lake water.

Aspen Regional Health

and Alberta Environment strongly recommend that local residents or other recreational users of lake water take appropriate precautions to minimize contact with the algae by not swimming or wading in the lake, and by minimizing other activities where there is a risk of swallowing the lake water. Alberta Environment also recommends that the public not handle any birds, fish or animals found dead on the

lake or along the shoreline.

Anyone suspecting illness in humans, pets or livestock due to swallowing lake water containing blue-green algae should seek medical or veterinary attention.

For further information, the public is asked to contact a public health inspector at a Community Health Services office in Aspen, or Alberta Environment at 1-800-222-6514.

## Quad stolen from well site

By Cst. J. R. TREMBLAY  
Elk Point RCMP

Sometime between 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on July 24, 2004, a quad was stolen from an oil well site on the Frog Lake reserve. The quad is described as a 2004 lime green Arctic Cat. It has one headlight missing and is equipped with a 2500 lb. winch.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or the Elk Point RCMP Detachment at (780) 724-3964.

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## EDITORIAL

## A rare treasure preserved by love

The 1963 song says, "be true to your school," and although their school was already fading back into the forest by the time the Beach Boys wrote those words, it certainly didn't stop the former students of Fern Chapel School from bringing their beloved school back to life some four decades later.

Those whose first days of school were spent in the timeworn desks of the soon-to-be-closed school were among the staunchest, most dedicated volunteers to step forward when former Fern Chapel teacher Olga Ockerman proposed putting the former "heart of the community... on life support." Other members of the community were swept up by the enthusiasm and belief that the weathered little building peeking through the encroaching bush could actually become a community showplace.

What started out to be a simple roof replacement became much more than that, but these volunteers did not head for the hills when the going got tough - except to seek out timbers and rocks for a new foundation and sources of now almost extinct drop siding, and time-appropriate window frames. They saw what needed doing, and bit by bit, day by day, they soldiered on until the school's exterior looked like new.

Then, rather than hanging up their hammers and declaring the job done, they got busy on the inside, beating the bushes for old-style school desks rarely seen outside museums, digging through attics for books and other trappings of pre-1949 school days.

It's truly amazing what love can accomplish.

### VIEWS FROM WAY BACK WHEN

## Celebrations of the past and present

FROM THE ELK POINT REVIEW AND LAKELAND REVIEW FILES  
FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 10 IN...

1984:

Many cultures and many costumes were exhibited at Elk Point on Heritage Day. Over 200 members of the Zarowny family gathered at King George Hall for that pioneer family's massive reunion.

1989:

Uff-da! Norway Valley celebrated with a homecoming that brought former residents from as far away as California, Minnesota, Ontario and the Northwest Territories to Lea Park for a weekend of fun and reminiscing. F. G. Miller basketball enthusiasts didn't wait for school to start to get going on an ambitious fundraising project aimed at glass backboards with electric winches.

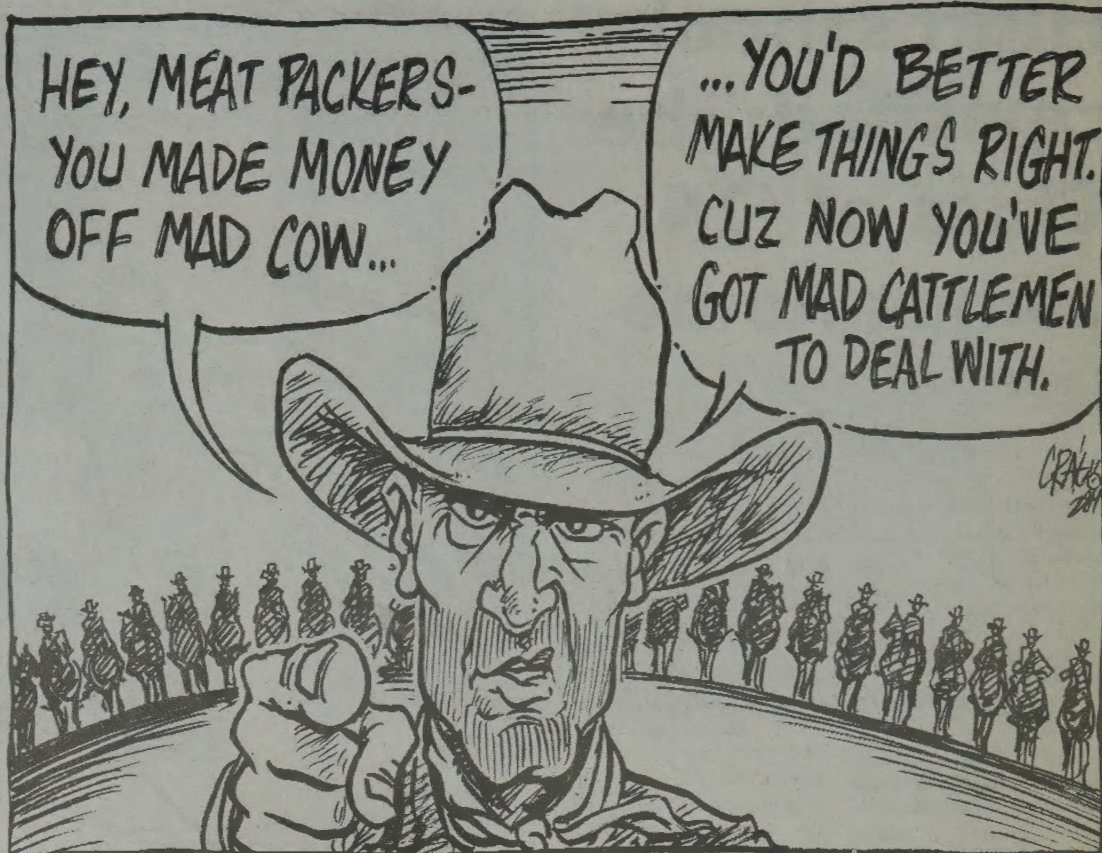
1994:

Elk Point Town Council passes a new dog bylaw incorporating a vicious dog act to add to the safety of town residents. Joni Matthews won two national gold medals, in the midget girls 200 meters and 4 x 100 relay.

1999:

The Midwest Rodeo Association, founded earlier in the year by Bob Cooke and Keith Sidener, held their first finals at Whitney Lake rodeo grounds. Elk Point Community Choir set off on their ten-day tour of the Maritimes.

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### GUEST COLUMN

## Croteaus bid farewell to Elk Point

BY BARB AND ROB CROTEAU  
Review Contributors

A special goodbye to our friends who came to bid us farewell, and to Doug and Carol Lee, who got everyone together.

Elk Point has provided us with 18 years of memories. We moved here with three little ones, and they all went through the school system. We had the opportunity to become involved in many other young people's lives.

Minor ball, minor hockey and Ukrainian dancing, Lioness and Lions - we made a lot of friends and acquaintances along the way. It seems in a blink of the eye, these young children have become young men and women leading their own lives... but of course we didn't age a day. Whew... where did the time go?

We'd like to share some of the memories of Elk Point that we will be taking with us.

■ Winning the league championship in girls mite softball, to winning the zone and advancing to provincials seven years later with basically the same girls in bantam. They were awesome ball players.

■ Helping out with midget boys ball team for five years, and the road trips we made with during the provincial qualifying tournaments, and seeing Doug Bassett's efforts with the midget program pay off with a provincial title last year.

■ The Lioness fashion shows... what a lot of work they were. But what crowds we used to get!

■ The pyrogy-making work bees for Ukrainian Dance and all the competitions in Prince Albert and North Battleford. One that sticks out in my mind was a weekend that it snowed in Saskatchewan just as we were leaving. The heat quit working in the bus and the ventilation system in the bathroom malfunctioned, filling the bus with "odor de toilette". Whew.. what a ride. We piled out of the bus in a hurry when we got to Elk Point.

■ Many nights of playing goal with the B & R Bullets and having a "few pops" with the boys after... Heading to our fifth game in five nights, one of the few games we had to play without Doug, because he was grounded.

■ In Days of Olde.. what a venture it was turning a dilapidated old house into a quaint antique shop. I had such an opportunity to meet people from all over.

■ Working for Larry at Elk Point Realty and learning a whole new career. This provided me with the experience to go on with Royal LePage here in Camrose.

■ Where do I begin with minor hockey? A lot of memories in 13 years of coaching. We won five league titles at various age groups, and made a couple of trips to the provincials. The Value Drug Mart tournaments in Calgary were another highlight, but my fondest memories were just being on the ice with the kids.

■ Curtis and Kent taking turns getting stitches with their many misadventures and tiring of taking turns, they ended up pushing IV poles down to the TV room at the hospital together. Most guys want to bond around the campfire, but not these two.

■ Curtis and Darcy experimenting with methane gas over the campfire in our backyard. What a sight!

■ The many stops at A & W after ball games and being glad you brought an extra dollar or two in your pocket because you always adopted a few.

■ The elementary campouts at Lake Whitney every June, and hoping the kids would have good weather.

■ And what about working those bingos. Smoke, smoke, and more smoke. But it sure beats bake sales and selling tickets. And it beats picking garbage in May. But it didn't matter whether you were working bingos or picking garbage, we always seemed to have a good time because of the people we worked with.

■ The demise of an era with the removal of the rail line and the elevators. Although we lost a rail line, we gained the Iron Horse Trail which we've traveled on many times with our skidoos. It was always fun to stop at the shacks to roast some kubasa and have a hot beverage.

■ Watching grown men become kids at one of our New Year's Day toboggan parties. No amount of glue, screws, A-5-35 or beer could fix the toboggans or the men that rode them.

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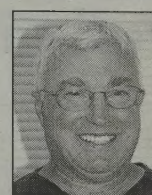
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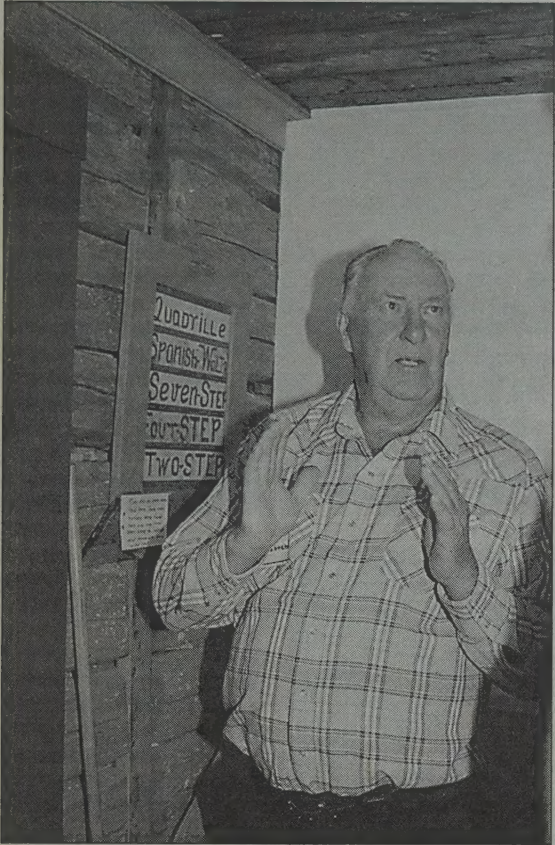
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# Fern Chapel School a community treasure



Restoration details were explained by Ed Hillebrand, who told how the log-construction school was straightened and reinforced during the early stages of the three-year project.



School trustee Darrell Younghans and his grandmother, Fern Chapel student Wilma Kjenner, get a first glimpse of the refurbished classroom, complete with the Coleman lamp, stove pipe suspended from wires and vintage Union Jack which were standard equipment in one-room schools.

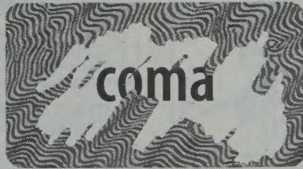
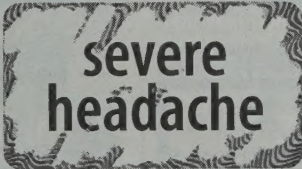
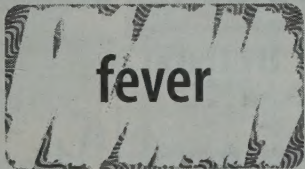
VICKI BROOKER PHOTOS



Praise for hard-working volunteers came from Olga Ockerman, who presented plaques to Bruno Kummetz (at podium), Judy Ockerman, Ed Hillebrand and Neil Nelson, who lined up behind County councillor Allen Young, MLA Ray Danyluk, school trustee Darrell Younghans and Alberta Historic Resources Foundation board member Iola Vartja.



Old-time entertainment was provided by Walter Saranchuk on his vintage banjo, Gabe Bayduza and Marge Heffernan. More photos Page 6.



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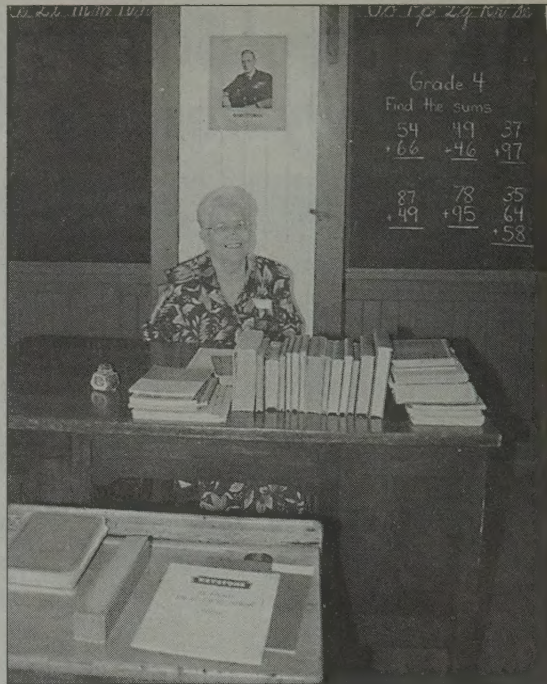




Alberta Historic Resources Foundation's Lola Vartja and area resident Gordon Fakeley explore the modern conveniences of one-room school days: a crockery water cooler, wash dish and syrup pail lunch kits.

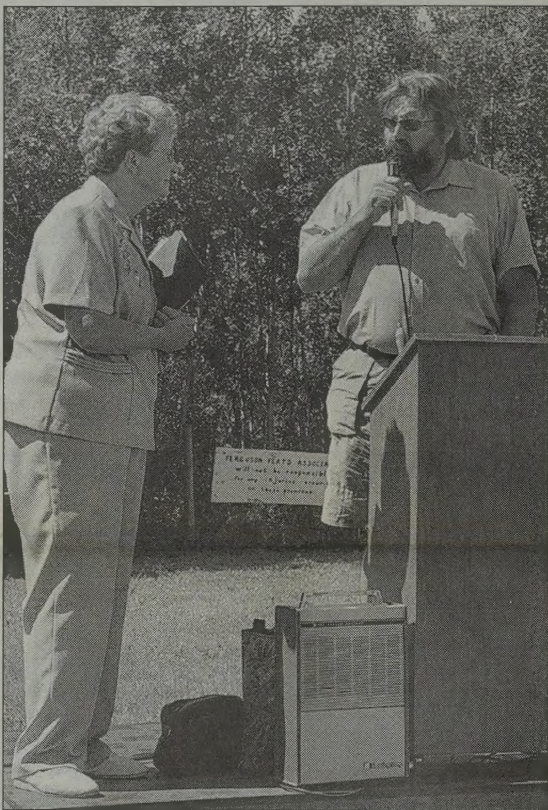
## Just like old times

Gwen Nelson, the last teacher at Fern Chapel School before its closure, tries out the teacher's desk in the newly restored school. Textbooks, scribbles and pencil box on the student's desk in foreground are authentic to the period when the school was in session.



## Praise for a preserver of pioneer history

MLA Ray Danyluk thanks Olga Ockerman for her efforts in helping to preserve Fern Chapel School for the enlightenment of future generations.



VICKI BROOKER PHOTOS

## Do you remember these?

History buffs Steve Andrishak and Muriel Holthe take a look at school textbooks dating back to their own school days.

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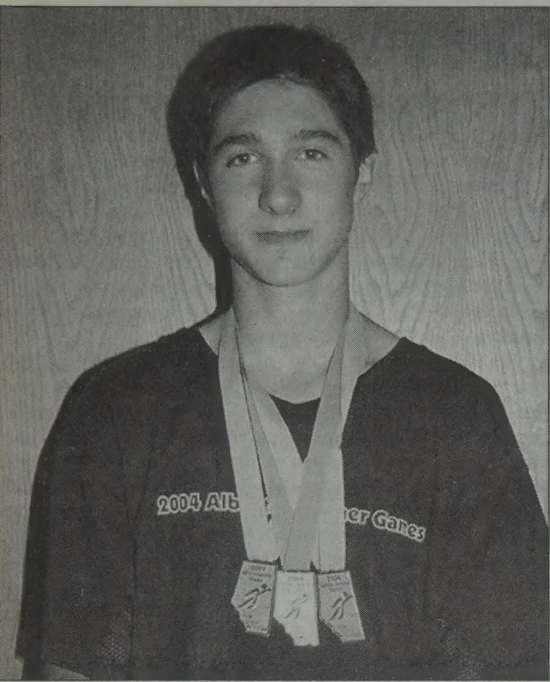
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Summer Games multi-medalist Travis Lindquist proudly displays his gold medal in triple jump, flanked by bronzes from high jump and long jump competitions in High River.

# Track is star sport for Travis

By Vicki Brooker  
Review Staff

To every sport there is a season, and for Elk Point teen Travis Lindquist, that means fitting cross-country, volleyball, basketball, baseball or golf into a packed schedule of training for his first love: track and field.

Travis has been a member of NEAT since he was in Grade 4, and has competed in meets near and far with the group, including the Alberta Summer Games in 2002 and 2004.

In 2002, Travis brought home a bronze Summer Games medal for the 15-and-under Pentathlon, which combines running, jumping and throwing.

This year he outdid his 2002 record, bringing home a provincial gold medal as well as two bronzes.

The gold in the 17-and-under triple jump resulted from a jump of 12 meters, 27 centimeters, which Travis says is "a bit short" of his personal best in that event. He jumped 1.80 meters to win the high jump bronze, and 5.97 meters for the long jump medal.

He has no particular favorite among the three events, and says "I like them all."

Travis took a short cut to get to the Summer Games in High River. "The zone coach was at the high school zones, and picked a few people. I qualified there." Some other competitors for the zone were determined at jump-offs held in Lamont.

Competing in all three events created some scheduling difficulties, and Travis was shuttled back and forth

between venues, says his mother, Cheri. She added that officials indicated that competitors should choose between the events rather than taking part in more than one.

Three medals later, Travis is glad he persevered, and

overcame the obstacles to take part in all three.

And he'd probably do it again, without a second thought, if the opportunity arose. Travis plans to keep competing in his favorite sport - track and field, long into the future.

## Chuckwagon seasons nearing end

By Vicki Brooker  
Review Staff

The seasons for both the Canadian Professional Chuckwagon Association and the World Professional Chuckwagon Association are coming to an end, with only two weeks before their respective finals.

This weekend, the CPCA wagons ran Meadow Lake, with Vern Nolin winning the two-day event with a 1.7-second margin over Brian Laboucane. Laboucane narrowly edged out Wayne Knight for second place, with Gary Gorst, Todd Baptiste, Grant Preece, Wayne Knight's second wagon, Ray Mitsuing, Ross Knight and Harold McCarthy making up the balance of the meet's top 10.

With one show to go before the finals in Lloydminster, Mitsuing leads the year's point standings with a comfortable 31-point margin, with Laboucane second, Shane Nolin third and Preece fourth, followed by Gorst, Vern Nolin, Wayne

Knight, Rod Salmond, Jim Knight and McCarthy.

The CPCA runs in Saskatoon this weekend, to accumulate more points before the finals.

Rae Croteau Jr. won the rain-shortened WPCA Dinosaur Derby in Drumheller, with Shane Cartier second. Grant Profit, Stan Waddell and Kelly Sutherland were close competitors for third, fourth and fifth, while Terry Buffalo, Jess Willard, Luke Tournier, Chad Harden and Jerry Bremner completed the top 10.

Rick Fraser leads the WPCA standings after the Drumheller show, with Kelly Sutherland second, Luke Tournier third, Norm Cuthbertson fourth and Buddy Bensmiller fifth. Jerry Bremner, Reg Johnstone, Herman Flad, Neal Walgenbach and Troy Dorchester complete the top 10, with two weeks to go before the World championships in Red Deer. This week the WPCA competes in the Battle of the North in Dawson Creek, BC.

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# Canadians urged to protect themselves from fraud

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John Hawerchuk\*, a 62-year-old retiree in Edmonton, Alberta, received a call in the fall of 2003 that would change his life. With a simple telephone call, he became, like countless other Canadian, American and United Kingdom residents, the victim of an investment scam that cost him time, money, and undue aggravation.

According to the Canadian Council of Better Business Bureaus, fraud and business scams are taking an estimated \$5 to \$7 billion out of Canada's real economy each year. While the Competition Bureau, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and local law enforcement agencies across Canada are working hard to investigate and prosecute these scam artists, knowing how to recognize and report fraud is often the best defence.

In September 2003, Hawerchuk received a call from World Market Advisors. Although Hawerchuk had never done business with the firm, the caller encouraged him to invest \$5,000 (U.S.) in the Euro, explaining that the currency was a hot commodity and this one-time offer could generate a sizable return in just a few months. But for Hawerchuk, the cost was a bit steep. "The Euro did appeal to me; however, I quickly explained to the investor that I'm retired and on a fixed income. I had a stroke a few years ago and my health prohibits me from going back to work. I can't afford to lose the money I've put away for my retirement."

The caller was sympathetic to Hawerchuk's story and explained that his own father, and the owner of World Market Advisors, had also suffered a stroke. "We spoke for nearly 45 minutes and then he suggested that his dad follow-up with me the following day." As promised, Hawerchuk received a call the following afternoon from an older gentleman. After nearly two hours of phone conversations, he decided to make the investment with World Market Advisors. "At the time, the Euro was doing quite

well - trading at \$1.13 (U.S.). The gentleman I spoke with guaranteed that the Euro would reach at least \$1.21 (U.S.), 60 days after the original investment, and I felt quite comfortable with the older gentleman."

Hawerchuk decided to invest \$3,000 (U.S.) with World Market Advisors, who requested that Hawerchuk have a bank draft issued and ready for a courier to pick up by 5 p.m. that day.

Throughout late September and October, Hawerchuk watched as the Euro steadily gained ground. "I was quite impressed as it continued to climb, just as World Market Advisors had promised it would. I was in daily contact with the investment firm. If they didn't call me, I called to check in. I had no reason to suspect anything was not as it was supposed to be."

The Euro never quite reached the \$1.21 (U.S.) mark and Hawerchuk called World Market Advisors with the intent of selling all of his currency. The call was the first sign that something was awry. "My contacts were continually unavailable," he explained. "The week before, I was speaking with them on a daily basis, now they were nowhere to be found. The secretary even began avoiding my calls and directing me to an automated voice-mail system that was useless." Nearly a week passed before Hawerchuk was able to reach an investment advisor, someone with whom he had never dealt before. Imagine his surprise when he was informed that World Market Advisors was no longer in business.

"That's when it sunk in that I'd been conned. They really took me for a ride. I initially invested \$3,000 (U.S.) and there was less than \$200 (U.S.) remaining in my account," said Hawerchuk. "I immediately wanted to know where my money had gone. However, the contact could only tell me that it had not been used to purchase Euros and they would issue me a cheque for the remaining balance."

After three months and countless phone calls, Hawerchuk did receive a cheque for \$135 (U.S.). "I got hosed for nearly \$4,500 (CDN) and it's going to take years for me to recover from this scam," noted Hawerchuk.

"It still amazes me that people can lie and take other people's money."

Hawerchuk reported the incident to PhoneBusters, a national anti-fraud call centre initiative of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). PhoneBusters is working with the RCMP and the Alberta Security Exchange Commission to investigate Hawerchuk's case.

"Both businesses and consumers are being ripped off by these sophisticated crooks," said Sheridan Scott, Commissioner, Competition Bureau Canada. "This is a problem that's too big for one person or one organization to address." To address this issue, a major anti-fraud education campaign was recently launched by the Competition Bureau which will be adopted for use in the United States and made available to partners in the United Kingdom. It is the first international effort of its kind.

The information campaign is the result of a partnership

with the OPP, the RCMP, private sector and consumer groups, and is designed to help consumers recognize, report and stop fraud.

"At the RCMP, we see Canadians who lose anywhere from \$20 to hundreds of thousands of dollars," said Sgt. Gilles Déziel, RCMP spokesperson. "Many scams are sophisticated and are carried out by persuasive, persistent and even aggressive criminals who just want your money. It is important that Canadians learn how to recognize these frauds so that they don't become victims."

All Canadians are at risk of being victimized by scam artists, no matter what their age, education or income. Research shows that the risk of being a victim of these crimes cannot be predicted by any demographic variable. In fact, fraud victims are more likely to be well-educated, well-informed, relatively affluent and involved in their community. Criminals prey on two basic human traits: trust and greed.

There are several things Canadians can do to protect themselves from fraud and it all begins with learning how to recognize it:

- Don't believe that everyone calling with an exciting promotion is trustworthy
- Don't be afraid to request further documentation from the caller so you can verify the validity of the company
- Don't be fooled by the promise of a valuable prize in return for a low-cost purchase
- Don't be pressured to send money to take advantage of a "special offer" or "deal"
- Don't be hurried into sending money to claim a prize that is available for only a "few hours"
- Don't provide personal information such as social insurance and driver's license numbers, especially over the phone
- Don't be afraid to hang up the phone
- Do request written, detailed information - including references - and time to research any offer
- Do be extra cautious about calls, e-mails or mailings offering international bonds or lottery tickets, a portion of a foreign dignitary's bank account, free vacations, credit repair, or schemes with unlimited income potential
- Do shred or destroy unwanted personal information such as bank statements
- Do get a credit report and check it thoroughly at least once a year

When asked what tips he'd offer others to avoid becoming a victim of fraud, Hawerchuk advised, "I'll never do business over the phone again. Go to the bank or work with a registered investment counselor you can trust."

To learn more about ways you can protect yourself from fraud, or if you think you may be a victim of fraud, Canadians can call PhoneBusters, a national anti-fraud call centre initiative of the OPP and the RCMP, at 1-888-495-8501, or visit <http://www.phonebusters.com>.

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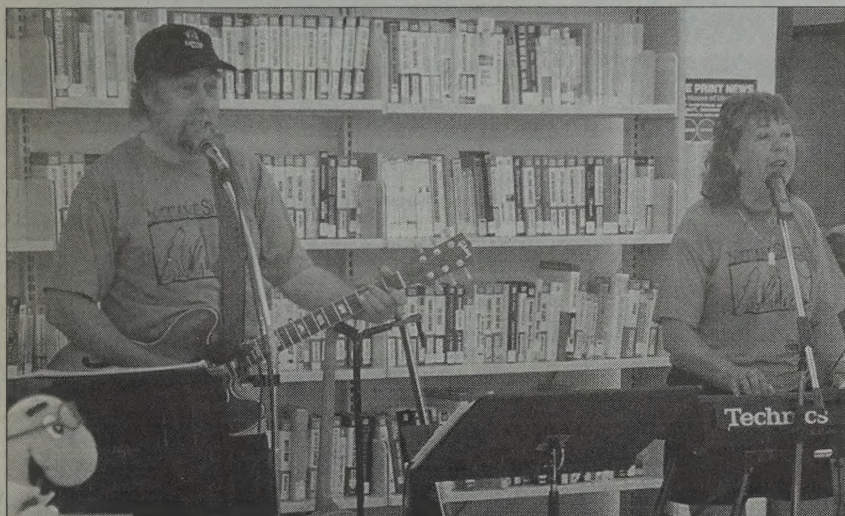
# Peter and Mary share fun facts with summer readers

By ROSEANN MAGDIK  
Summer Reading Program Coordinator

Last Thursday at the Elk Point Public Library, we had a presentation from Peter and Mary. This presentation was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed themselves and learned a lot. Peter and Mary visited our library along with many other libraries belonging to the Northern Lights Library System, to teach us how to protect the environment and to realize that nature is beautiful and can be found anywhere. They were full of fun facts! Peter and Mary also had

many puppet friends who joined them to entertain us. We greatly appreciate Peter and Mary making the trip out to Elk Point to entertain us.

All parents of children registered in the summer reading program are welcome to join us on Thursday, August 19 at 1:30 p.m. to celebrate our farewell party. The children will be receiving awards for their reading achievement, viewing a life-size puppet show performed by staff from St. Paul Abilities Network, doing the draw for the grand prize and breaking open our pinatas. We hope you will join us!



Library bookworm, Wormsworth (bottom left) is enjoying the visit by Peter and Mary, who shared songs and nature facts with readers.



Audacious puppet pal Mimi joined Peter and Mary for a portion of Thursday's show at the Elk Point Public Library.

## Creating a healthy home, school and planet

By MARYLU WALTERS  
Alberta Teachers' Association

Remember health education? Depending on what grade you were in, you probably learned a lot more than you wanted to know about washing your hands and maybe not as much as you would like to have known about how babies are made. Whatever grade you were in, health education was viewed as an individual matter having to do mostly with personal hygiene and relationships. And it took place mainly in health and physical education classes.

Today, health education is as likely to take place in science, social studies or language arts, as in health and phys ed. And it goes way beyond hygiene and relationships to incorporate themes

of peace and conflict; technology and society; waste; sustainability; and media literacy.

"Today's approach to health education looks at the whole person - in the community and on the planet," says Rose Marie Sackela, an instructor with the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA). "It acknowledges that you can't be a healthy person without being part of a healthy community and a healthy environment."

Sackela provides workshops for teachers on "Creating a Healthy School on a Healthy Planet", but she says parents have just as big a role to play as do teachers in a holistic approach to health education.

What can you do at home? Sackela suggests

looking at health in a broad-sense. For example, you might try discussing the issues your children are dealing with in school, such as water and air pollution or waste, and coming up with ways to take action at home.

"It could be as simple as encouraging them to pack their own lunch rather than buying packaged foods, or suggesting they take leftovers packed in a reusable container," Sackela says. "Or the whole family can make an effort to turn off the water while brushing their teeth."

"This makes their learning more relevant. It helps kids see how their learning can apply in the home and in the community."

Creating a healthy home and community takes a certain commitment from par-

ents, Sackela says. Parents need to take time and have an open mind. They also need to develop their listening skills. Simply asking, "What did you learn in school today?" is not going to be very productive.

"If you go at them directly, it appears intrusive. It shuts kids down. Kids say things or make suggestions indirectly, so parents need to fine-tune their antennas."

"You might ask, 'What do you think?' When the child responds, you might say 'That's an interesting idea. How do you think this will work?'"

Tackling holistic health issues together will make children feel a part of the family and also part of a bigger picture, Sackela says.

And they will understand how their contribution can help make a difference.

"You don't have to be the child of a founding member of an NGO (non-governmental organization) to make a difference. It's incremental."

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## Not Sloan

The Canadian Salt Company employee pictured on the front page of the July 20 Elk Point Review is Roman Pietrus, rather than Sloan Dieken. Our apologies for the error.

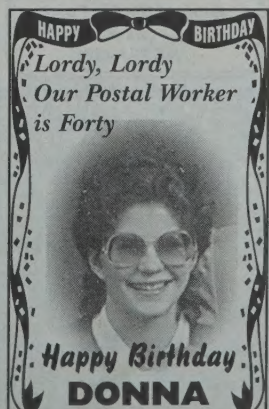
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## Croteaus bid farewell

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■ Canada Day was always full of festivities. The Oilettes organized a day full of children's games and races. They had the tug-of-war (where Tim Kubista ripped his knee ligaments - the price of a good time), the dunk tank, nail pounding, log sawing and river raft races, bed races and the list goes on. And who can forget Elk Point's parades?

■ Many years of enjoying the Family Kubasa Run at the Danyluk farm. It was always fun and sometimes we just never knew when to quit. It only became evident when getting out of bed in the morning was a little difficult... a slight reminder

that our bodies were not as agile as we thought the day before. What a lot of work the family put into organizing such an event.

■ Working with home-care, I met a lot of the older generation and it gave me a greater appreciation of the area's history.

■ Soon after moving to Elk Point, we did a quick survey of our neighborhood to find we had 57 kids under the age of 12 on one-and-a-half blocks. So we soon organized ourselves, fundraised, and built a small playground at the north end, flooding a small area in the winter for skating.

■ Who could keep track of the oil companies? Let's

give it a whirl... first it's Dome, then Amoco, then Elan, then Ranger, then CNRL. Or Westmin to Norcen, to UPRI to Anadarko to CNRL. And you can throw in a handful of others like Murphy, Koch, Bonavista, Pan Canadian, Petrovera... and we've probably missed a few. What changes the community has experienced over the years.

■ ...And changes we're still experiencing as we've moved on after 18 years in Elk Point. We've moved to Camrose and we're sure one day it will feel like home, but if you mention home to us now... it's Elk Point that comes to mind.

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Rev. Jope Langejans, 724-3616  
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**Calvary Family Fellowship Ministry**  
Pastor Jerry Richards  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Monday Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.  
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**Christian Community Church of Elk Point**  
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Our Aim:  
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Sundays: Mass 11:30 a.m.  
1st Tuesday of the month: 4 p.m.  
Mass at Extended Care  
1st Friday of the month: 7 p.m.  
Mass followed by Holy Hour/Benediction  
Fridays: Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
Confessions: Before and after Mass and upon request

**Bethel Lutheran Church of Lea Park**  
Weekly Services, 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Communion 2nd and 3rd Sundays

**Bible Fellowship Church Clondonald**  
Services held every Sunday at 11 a.m.



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# Student testing: is more better?

By **MARYLU WALTERS**  
*Alberta Teachers' Association*

They pop up in front of schools all over Alberta like tulips each spring - portable signs saying "Provincial Achievement Test tomorrow." But do you ever see signs that say "Mrs. Jones' spelling test tomorrow?"

"That's a sad commentary on the increasing shift toward large-scale standardized tests as a proxy for measuring student learning

at the school level," says Jean-Claude Couture, a member of the Alberta Teachers' Association's professional development staff.

Parents of students who have just completed Grades 3, 6 and 9 know only too well the emphasis placed on provincial achievement tests. In addition, the provincial government is planning to introduce mandatory testing at the end of Grade 4 for students who don't meet provincial standards on the Grade 3 test.

But Couture wonders how making a student write another standardized test a year later will help improve teaching or learning. "You have to think about what it does to these Grade 3 kids and the message it sends to parents. To single them out to re-test at Grade 4, what is the point? The testing is done at the end of the year as a student is leaving."

The original intent of

provincial achievement tests was to provide provincial benchmarks for gauging student progress," Couture points out. "But the balance has shifted so that they're more like high-stakes exit exams for rating schools and students."

Parents receive a considerable amount of data with their children's provincial test results, but it's debatable whether or not the information is useful, Couture says. "All it does is tell you how the student did on that test. But standardized assessment doesn't acknowledge the rich diversity among schools across the province." For example, variations in a school's performance on standardized tests can be a result of the numbers of students for whom English is a second language.

"There's a kind of logic that says if assessments help teachers improve teaching, then more testing

is even better," Couture says. "But that's not valid. We are not opposed to testing. Teachers test all the time. But standardized testing is not the optimal program for achieving improved learning."

A more useful approach would be to provide teachers in the early elementary grades with diagnostic tools to help them assess student needs and develop effective learning programs well before Grade 3, Couture says. "The important thing is to optimize the results of testing for the benefit of the kids, not just for rankings. What we need is assessment for learning, not assessment of learning."

As for parents who want to know how their child is doing in school, Couture has a simple answer: "Ask the teacher. It's not complicated. Ongoing student evaluation is what teachers do."

# Farm tools stolen

By **Cst. J. R. TREMBLAY**  
*Elk Point RCMP*

Sometime between 9:00 p.m. on July 29 and 9:00 a.m. on July 30, a tool box containing various tools was stolen out of a swathe on a farm near Elk Point.

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